

## News of Muskogee

FAIL TO CONNECT  
WOMAN IN GANG

Not Enough Evidence to  
Hold Girl for Auto  
Thief, Court Says

Special to The World.

MUSKOGEE, Dec. 15.—County authorities failed today in an attempt to connect up Goldie Purdin, pretty, brown-eyed young woman, with wholesale auto thefts which have been going on here for the last few months. After she told her story before the city court, Judge Fred Zick continued the case until further evidence could be presented. Officials expressed the belief that she could not be bound over to the district court unless much additional evidence were unearthed.

Goldie was captured here three weeks ago by police in a raid upon the headquarters of the auto thieves in a lonely house on the outskirts of town. She was alone in the house at the time. Many parts of autos which had been stolen in recent months were found around the house and the nearby barn, which had served as a repair shop. H. L. Harrison and Albert Crossland are believed to have been the two men who conducted the place, both of whom succeeded in eluding officers.

Goldie says that she was employed some weeks ago as a housekeeper by Harrison. She wanted to take care of the house, she says. She claims to know nothing of the operation of the thieves.

Authorities say they have no evidence against her. But they are holding her in the hope of shedding light on the whereabouts of the two who are known to have done the work. However, she may be released next week after her preliminary hearing is completed.

Community Christmas Tree for Poor.

The local post of the American Legion and various civic organizations will join in a community Christmas celebration here the night of December 24. A big tree will be lighted, decorated and hung with presents in an open space near the downtown district where citizens will gather to sing and join in the celebration.

The Salvation Army, United Charities and Goodfellows—union men and merchants—will join in helping the poor to a better and fuller Christmas. Groceries, clothes, dinner and other necessities will be furnished deserving families and the children who have no other Santa Claus.

A number of cases needing help is fully 25 per cent greater than last year, but contributions are liberal.

Hold Two "Moonshiners."

Fred Bladen and Steve Dilling, farmers, both of Haskell county, have been bound over to the federal grand jury under 1,000 bond each by United States Commissioner H. M. Montcastle on charges of illicit distilling. They were said by officers to have a complete still in operation in the hills near Haskell.

A 20-ounce loaf of bread here is now selling for 15 cents, an increase in size of 4 ounces in the last few months, bakers say. Still further increase in size is expected as full effect of lower flour prices is felt.

Gasoline Dropping.

The price of gasoline has dropped to 30 cents a gallon with prospects of further drops within the next month or two, oil men say. This is two cents lower than the record set last summer.

Oil men here believe that the "70 per cent" rule line rule adopted by the larger companies, who had their capacity taxed, means lower oil prices within the next 60 days. Many small producers already are offering to dispose of their full run at 35 a barrel.

Contributes to Tuberculosis Fund.

Because he once had a sweetheart who died of tuberculosis during their engagement, a Muskogee man has sent a check for \$100 to the anti-tuberculosis association which is

New Telephone Directory.

New telephone directory goes to press soon. Arrange for changes and advertising space now.—Adv.

Tellegen Plays  
Here in Comedy

Few, if any, of the dramatic offerings of the present day, are more worthy of the consideration of the discriminating theatergoer, than the attraction scheduled for December 22 at the convention hall, the occasion being the appearance of America's foremost romantic actor, Lou Tellegen, who, in person with his own company and under his own management will present his greatest American success "Blind-Youth" a comedy drama in three acts, from his own pen in collaboration with Willard Mack, and which enjoyed a long run at the 24th Street Theater in New York city.

Since his first appearance in America as leading man with Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, with which attraction his success was second only to the divine Sarah, Mr. Tellegen has devoted his time to appearing in his own plays, and the press of the entire country is unanimous in acclaiming him one of the most finished actors of the day.—Adv.

backing the campaign for selling Christmas seals.

"I spent two happy months with her," he wrote. "Then I went to visit her one day in the city she lived. I found she had died of tuberculosis only the week before. I made up my mind then to help all I could to stamp out the dread disease."

Thomas Cook, aviator, has been elected a member of the Kiwanis club. He is believed to be the first air man to be a member of any civic club here. He is establishing an air field here.

State's First White  
Woman Dead at O. C.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Rebecca D. Gaston, said to have been the first white woman to settle in Oklahoma, is dead at her home here today. Mrs. Gaston will be buried from her home in the same lot which she staked out in 1889. She came here from Hutchinson, Kansas.

BANK AT CARNEY  
ROBBED OF \$7,000

Lone Bandit Holds Up the  
Bookkeeper at Opening  
Time and Escapes

By Associated Press State Wire.  
CARNEY, Okla., Dec. 15.—An unidentified bandit, unassisted, robbed the State Bank of Carney of more than \$7,000 in cash and Liberty bonds at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The bandit, who wore a mask, held up Russell Hummer, bookkeeper, when he arrived at the bank for work, kept him under cover until the time lock on the vault allowed the door to be opened at 9, and then forced Hummer to open the vault and safe deposit boxes. The man left on foot, according to the sheriff and then started toward the hills north of here. A large posse of citizens and deputy sheriffs from Chandler took up the chase.

## JUDGE W. H. CLAYTON DIES

Pioneer Lawyer and Territorial  
Judge Dead at McAlester.  
MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 15.—Judge William H. H. Clayton, pioneer lawyer, territorial judge and former district attorney, died at McAlester last night. He was 82 years old and a civil war veteran. In 16 years as territorial prosecutor he sent 75 men to the gallows in the historic jail yard at McAlester. Following his service as prosecutor he occupied the federal court bench at Fort Smith for ten years. He was born in Pennsylvania, being one of the original settlers in Oklahoma.

More Co-Operation Urged.

By Associated Press State Wire.  
ENID, Okla., Dec. 15.—John A. Whitehurst, president of the state board of agriculture, in a speech before the Hardware and Implement Dealers' club of this county, last night urged co-operation between the hardware men and the farmers, to bring about some sort of a solution for the present crisis caused by the slump in farm products.



Balance On Terms  
LEWIS-MARSH CORP.  
Tenth and Main Streets

POSTAL HEAD OUT  
AT BARTLESVILLE

Frank Neptune Removed  
After Inspectors Find  
Alleged Shortage

By Associated Press State Wire.

BARTLESVILLE, Dec. 15.—Frank S. Neptune, local postmaster, was discharged by the United States postoffice department here today. John McMullen, former city commissioner, was named to succeed him. News of the discharge was not confirmed until this morning when a message was sent by Congressman E. B. Howard of this district, notifying Mr. Neptune of his removal.

In commenting on the removal, Mr. Neptune said that he had been found short \$2,500 by postal inspectors and although he made it good himself, he declares that the postal inspectors could not find any reason to blame him for the deficit.

Red Cross Elects Officers.

A meeting of the Creek county chapter of the Red Cross was held last night at the chamber of commerce rooms and officers for the new year were elected. H. H. Kinard was chosen chairman; H. H.

## News of Sapulpa

Elks in Big Jamboise.

SAPULPA, Dec. 15.—The Elks are in this city, several hundred strong and the city has literally been turned over to them. The celebration started early this morning with a parade in which marched 40 candidates, led by the Elks band from Tulsa. The candidates were "all dressed up to represent tramps, convicts, wild animals and other 'nature freaks'." Barney Burke led the parade. He was dressed in a collection of rags and waved an old broom. Many of the candidates wore chains that clinked as they walked. The candidates were given initiative degrees this afternoon with a dinner in the evening at the chamber of commerce rooms, which was followed by a dance at the Elks hall.

Two Arrested for Casing Theft.

H. M. Alexander and son Hobart Alexander were given a preliminary trial here yesterday before Justice A. E. Piltz. The charge against them was larceny. It is charged they took \$400 out of casing that belonged to the Palaski oil company. Each entered a plea of not guilty, and each made a bond of \$1,500. J. B. Steiner, also implicated in the missing casing, was held on a \$1,000 bond.

Because he threw rags in the street and annoyed his neighbors, Charles Fyler was arrested by sanitary officer Blake and charged with maintaining a nuisance. This morning he was tried in police court and Mayor J. Wade Bone assessed a fine of \$19.50.

## PLAN SOLDIER ARCH

Southard Confers With New York  
Sculptor; Model to Be Sent to  
State Within Month.

By Associated Press State Wire.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 15.—The soldiers memorial commission today heard the report of George F. Southard of Enid on a recent trip he made to New York to consult Paul Bartlett, sculptor, about the proposed memorial arch in honor of Oklahoma men who died in service in the late war.

Members of the commission said they would meet again in about two weeks to present their report and recommendations to the legislature.

Southard said a model of the proposed arch would be sent here within a month to be displayed to the public. The arch under consideration would be 150 feet in length, 90 feet in height, and 60 feet through. Southard described a provision for a chamber within the stone top.

"It will be a necrology chamber," he said, "around the walls of which will be marble tablets bearing the names of the more than 300 men from Oklahoma who died in the war."

Short and Fat.

The Greenland birch, the world's shortest tree, grows less than three inches in height, but often covers two or three feet of ground.

## Comparisons

—a good way to judge values

This store began its most strenuous efforts to lower the high cost of living 'way last spring and it is an outstanding fact that Curtis Brown has always been FIRST to set lower price examples—even when certain stores openly declared THEIR prices would be higher, Curtis Brown lowered his prices another notch. The Curtis Brown Store has so consistently reflected the lower trend of wholesale prices until now our retail prices are in almost every instance one-half or near one-half the former regular price.

Every break in market prices  
is instantly reflected here

This Store (thanks to acting in time) is practically cleared of merchandise bought at high prices.

Note these comparisons  
and price concessions  
showing present savings

A Year Ago These Prices Prevailed	Six Months Ago Curtis Brown Prices Were Reduced to	Today the Same Quality Is Selling at Curtis Brown's for
\$20.00 Velour Hats	\$15.00	\$10.00
\$15.00 Felt Hats	\$12.50	\$7.00
\$16.45 Silk Shirts	\$12.45	\$7.45
\$4.25 Silk Hose (Women's)	\$3.15	\$2.35
\$2.25 Silk Hose	\$1.65	\$1.35
\$3.50 and \$4.00 Neckwear	\$2.85	\$1.65
\$85.00 and \$90.00 Suits (Hand Tailored)	\$67.50	\$45.00
\$50.00 and \$60.00 Suits (Hand Tailored)	\$42.50	\$29.75
\$95.00 and \$100.00 Overcoats	No Stock	\$49.75
\$10.00 Trousers	\$6.95	\$4.95

Everything is new and fresh here—No war-time stocks—No war-time prices—and the people are surely taking advantage.

We agree with ex-President Taft, who said; "If you're a merchant and overloaded with high priced merchandise, be a man, TAKE A LOSS, don't kick about our United States government, don't ask federal favors or don't lean on the arm of Uncle Sam."

## We've done our part

That is why this is a "live" store—you can not regret buying from a store of this character for you are entitled to ALL the value and all the quality that your money will buy and you get it here.

That's why we say, we've done our part. Do your part, as thousands of men have before you—See that you get Curtis Brown Value!

## Curtis Brown Co.

Tulsa's Livest Leading Men's Store

## Holiday Gift Apparel

The Christmas Gift question is easily solved, in this complete and attractive display of gift apparel, with pleasing satisfaction to the donor and recipient alike.

Aside from the gratification of receiving really useful gifts, the recipient will also greatly appreciate the splendid materials, colors and design of the dainty gift creations offered here.

- Silk and Satin Boudoir Caps**  
A pleasing array of beautifully colored silks and satins deftly combined with pretty laces, ribbons and bows in the creation of these exquisite boudoir caps.
- Beautiful Creations Silk Lingerie**  
Every woman takes keen pride in her wardrobe of pretty underwear and these beautiful garments will make a most appreciated addition.
- Silk Jersey Petticoats**  
Most every desirable combination of silk, silk jersey and satin for the classy petticoat is here in the more attractive shades.
- Beautiful Silk Negligee Gowns**  
Wonderful colorings and finest materials in negligee gowns that will surely appeal to the feminine taste for the dainty and the beautiful.
- The Very Cleverest Satin Kimonos**  
A beautiful selection of silk and satin kimonos is afforded in our holiday display and they are reasonably priced, too, quality considered.
- Attractive Felt House Slippers**  
A boudoir necessity and an appreciated gift is the beautiful felt bedroom slipper. Many attractive designs in beautiful colorings.
- Beautiful New Gift Millinery**  
We have just received a splendid showing of the new broad and fur combinations in millinery, as well as some wonderful selections in satin hats.
- Georgette Waists**  
Lace beaded, embroidery and metallic trimmed Georgette waists in a variety of colorings and styles that is sure to provide at least one appealing selection.
- A Complete Stock Corsets**  
Many beautiful selections in corsets from the stock of the Bon Marche Corset Shop, being offered now at half price. Front and back lace designs.

Southwestern Brokerage Co.  
16 West Third Street